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From Their Excellencies:

Happy New Year Ponte Alto!

2002 was a very successful year for our beloved Barony. We look forward to 2003 with much enthusiasm. It is with great excitement that we ask for your support in the Barony's upcoming events in 2003. We have the Performers Symposium on Feb 22, 2003, autocrated by Baron Corun MacAnndra. There is St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath in March, autocrated by Lord Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli. In Sept we will host an event autocrated by Lady Luce Antony Venus. And in November there is an event autocrated by Mistress Anne of Carthew. Please look for details concerning these upcoming baronial events.

2003, is a new year and time for many of us try to new experiences in the SCA. If you always wanted to learn calligraphy and illumination, heraldry, martial arts, cooking, sewing, lace making, etc., make this the year to search for a new horizons in the SCA. Our Barony is blessed to have so many talented individuals, don't be shy about asking for someone's help in your endeavor. I, Denise, am going to take up combat archery in the upcoming year and I am in search for any members of the populace to fight along side of me at this Pennsic. I, Thomas, desire to try something new and am going to teach a class at University this year. We wish health and happiness to all.

In service to the Barony and the Kingdom of Atlantia,  
 Thomas and Denise  
 Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto

From the Seneschal:

Happy New Year! I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying this most special season. I know I have very much. I have three things to talk to you about this month. They are financial policy for the Barony, Baronial awards and event planning.

First, at this months business meeting we will be discussing the new Baronial finance policy that Lady Alesia has painstakingly written for us. It is a requiemnt under Kingdom Law that we have a financial policy. We will discuss the policy and at the end of the that discussion, I will call for a vote. If the policy passes by a simple majority, will we have a straw poll, in accordance with our Baronial Charter, during the April business meeting to add the policy to it. The policy must pass by a margin of at least 60 percent to become part of our charter. If you are unable to make the meeting, you can cast your vote by written proxy. If you have question on this, feel free to contact me.

Second, I would like to thank our awards committee for all of their hard work in developing all the different options for the Barony. We will be taking up this matter at the Feburary business meeting. The process will be the same as for financial policy above. For we are again, attempting to modify our Charter.

Lastly, I would like to put out a few polices for event planning. In the future, all baronial event announcements should be in the Acorn no later than 90 days before the event is to be held. This is to ensure that the word can get out to the populace in time for them to make plans to attend. Also, I will require all Autocrats to attend every business meeting 6 months prior to the event in order to brief the Barony on the event and where how the populace of the Barony can assist. If the Autocrat can not make the meeting due to mundane matters, then his/her

deputy can brief or he/she can give me the update I will brief at the meeting. I think that these policies are important to ensure that everyone is keep informed on upcoming events and the planning behind them.

I thank you for your time and again for the honor of being your seneschal. This is by far the best job in the Kingdom.

Miles de Locwode

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Upcoming Events:

Yule Revel-To While Away a Winters Day  
Barony of Storvik  
January 4th, 2003

As the days darken and the howling winter winds blow across our lands there comes a day for us to gather together in warmth of friendship and merriment. We invite you to join us as we light the candle of learning against the growing darkness, and fuel the fire of friendship to keep our hearts warm through the dark night.

During the day we will "wile away the winter's day", and as such will be holding informal classes and gatherings for many different arts and crafts around the great hall. Among the A&S activities we expect to have represented are Calligraphy & Illumination, Embroidery, hands-on Cooking classes, Leather Working, Heraldry, Bardic Arts, Spinning, and Weaving. Please visit the Storvik website (<http://storvik.atlantia.sca.org>) for more details in the days closer to the event.

Following a dinner break (dinner not provided but there are many local off-site dining establishments to fit any budget), we will re-open the site for our traditional Yule Revel.

The evening will be filled with Deserts, Dancing, and perhaps we'll even have a visit from Father Christmas himself.

A&S Competitions: Toys & Kids Stuff: Gentles are asked to enter items that medieval children used or played with. Please be aware that judges are likely to "test" the entries, and therefore fragile/delicate entries are not encouraged. Our young judges will award one to three points in the following categories: a) Is it pretty/nice, b) is it fun, and c) would you want one. Judges will also award an extra point to their favorite entry. The entry sheets will have a line for what the object is, who used it, and when it was used. You are welcome to provide additional documentation for curious adults, but it is not necessary. If you are entering a game or similar item, please provide instructions for play. Anyone under the age of 14 is asked to help us judge the competition. Anyone wishing to judge need only ask at troll, and they will be pointed towards a competition organizer. Judges need to bring a literate parent or guardian to help fill out the judging sheets. Judges may need to test out the entries to make sure they work, but parents are still expected to be responsible for their children.

Cooking: For our bakers and sweets makers we will be holding competitions in the following categories: Best Period Desert, Best Non Period Desert, and Best Subtlety.

Cost: Adult, Member: \$7.00 Children (10 and under): \$3.00

Feast and lunch: Lunch will be simple fare of meat, fruit, bread and cheese. The evening meal is being planned by our Head Cook, Lady Hrosvitha. Please direct all dietary concerns to her at [kmartinsen@dc-opera.org](mailto:kmartinsen@dc-opera.org).

Cost: On board \$14.00 non-members, \$11.00 with proof of membership. Off board \$7.00 non-members, \$4.00 with proof of membership. Children 6-12 are half-price; under six years are guests of the Barony.

Send reservations to Mistress Anne of Carthew, 13456 Cobra Court, Oak Hill, VA 20171, (703) 437-6271 (no calls after 9:00pm), [acarthew@cox.net](mailto:acarthew@cox.net). There are only 100 seats for feat, so reserve soon. Cut off date for on board reservations is February...

Directions:

From the Capital Beltway: Take I-66 West towards Vienna/Front Royal. Follow approximately 6.6 miles. Exit onto LEE JACKSON MEMORIAL HWY/US-50, West, towards Fair Oaks/Winchester. After about 2.5 miles, pass under the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100), and be in the left lane to turn left at the next light onto Middle Ridge Drive. IMMEDIATELY turn left onto the Route 50 service road. This road curves right, becoming Kings Way. The church is on the left.

From points west or southern Fairfax County: Take your best route to the intersection of I-66 and Route 7100, Fairfax County Parkway. Take the Parkway NORTH. (DON'T exit at 50: You won't be able to get across the traffic to where you need to be.) After crossing Route 50, turn left at the light onto Rugby Road. Go straight through the intersection of Rugby and Route 50, and IMMEDIATELY turn left onto the Route 50 service road. This road curves right, becoming Kings Way. The church is on the left.

Drive, Bowie, MD 20716, (301) 390-4428, email: owlharp@juno.com

Directions:

Take your best route to the Washington DC Beltway (I-95/495). Go to Maryland Route 50 (if you visualize I-95/495 as a clock face, this would be at about 3 o'clock). Take Route 50 east towards Annapolis for about 6 miles, till you come to Route 301. Take Route 301 south for about 3 miles to Mitchellville Road (it is a traffic light). Turn right on Mitchellville Road and go 1/4 mile to Arbor Hill. Turn right on Arbor Hill and follow it till it ends at Alderwood. Turn right on Alderwood and go to Alstead. Turn left on Alstead and then take an immediate right onto Amber Meadows Drive. We are the 3rd house on the left, 2204 Amber Meadows Dr.

Performer's Symposium I  
February 22, 2003  
Ponte Alto

The Atlantian Performer's Guild and the Barony of Ponte Alto present the first Performer's Symposium. The Symposium will consist of a day of classes on various performing arts. There will be a lunch and convocation in the middle of the day. Since Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto, in order to support the performing arts have graciously given the date usually reserved for their annual Baronial Birthday, there will be a Baronial Court during the Convocation. The event will conclude with a feast in the evening.

But wait! There's more. Following the feast and at the same site, we will be hosting an evening demo of performances given by the students and teachers at the Symposium. This demo will showcase the performance talents of Atlantia, and will be open to all who wish to attend, free of charge. If you wish to perform at the demo, please contact the Autocrat, Baron Corun MacAnndra (Craig Lee-Allen), 4001 King Arthur Rd., Annandale, VA 22003, (703) 876-0650, corun@medievalist.org. All are welcome to attend the performance without having to attend the event itself.

The Classes: The following is a list of some of the classes that will be offered. More classes and detailed synopses of each will be found at <http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/>

Composition	Composing a Ballad
Harp Accompaniment for the Singer	Improvisational Storytelling
Starting a Local Singing Group	Middle Eastern Melodies
Gregorian Chant	History of the Bagpipes
The Lute in History	Reader's Theatre Practicum
Fighting Songs, taught by His Majesty, CuanMcDaige	

During the middle of the day, all instrumentalists and vocalists are invited to practice a large choral/instrumental work that will be performed in the evening. Mistress Anne of Carthew will be coordinating this rehearsal and performance, and the music will be available on the web site for preparing prior to the Symposium. All instrumentalists are encouraged to bring their instruments.

Site: The site is the King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax, VA, at the south west side of the intersection of Routes 50 and 7100. The event opens at 9:00am and closes at 11:00pm. Registration begins at 9:00 and classes begin at 10:00am. The performance demo begins at 7:30. This site is DRY.

Adult, Non-Member: \$10.00 Babes in arms are the guests of the Barony.

We encourage you to bring deserts to share, and as such are offering a \$2 discount to all adults who bring a desert that will serve 6 people.

Site: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave, College Park, MD 20740. The site will open at 9am and close at 11pm. The site will be closed from 5pm-6:30pm in order to allow us time to changeover from the day's activities and prepare for evening's revel. All gentles remaining onsite during this period will be asked to assist with this process. Restrictions: The site is damp, with wine being the only acceptable alcoholic beverage. Due to site space restrictions we regret we will not be able offer space to merchants.

Autocrat: Lady Mor Fhionn (Maura Pfeifer), 8602 Cunningham Dr, College Park, MD, 20740, (301) 614-8976, email: maura\_pfeifer@hotmail.com. Send reservations to autocrat

Directions:

Take your best route to the Washington Beltway (I-495). Take exit 25 (Rt. 1) South, and follow Rt. 1 South. After about 2 miles, take a left onto College Ave (The MD book exchange is on left). The church is two blocks down on the left, with parking in the rear. The event is in the hall up the metal steps at the rear of the church.

Metro Directions: Take the metro (green line) to the College Park Metro station. Metro Map When leaving the station, take a right on Columbia Avenue. Columbia dead ends on College Avenue. Turn left on College and walk about 3 blocks, the church will be on your right. The event is in the hall up the metal steps at the rear of the church.

Kingdom 12th Night  
January 11th, 2003  
Canton of Charlesbury Crossing

Make Merry the Season at Kingdom Twelfth Night, to be held this year in the Canton of Charlesbury Crossing, Barony of the Sacred Stone! Their Majesties Cuan and Padraigin wish this year's theme to be "Winter Revelry" and have decreed that the desired colors are RED and BLUE. In addition to merchants, feasting, entertainers, and dancing, there will also be 14th Century Games. More details will follow in the coming months.

Website:twelfth-night.atlantia.sca.org

A&S Competitions: Displays, of course, are welcome! Tempore Atlantia (sponsored by KMoAS) for details: <http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/tempore.htm>

Non-Painted Scroll (sponsored by Ms. Genna inghean Braonain ni Amoinn) A documented scroll of black and white work only. The entry may have calligraphy only, or may include illumination. Gilding is allowed.

Edible Architecture (sponsored by Ly Ciara) Gingerbread castles, marzipan manor houses...build it and eat it!

Feast Table Decoration (sponsored by Mistress Jessamyn di Piemonte) Fancy is good...over-the-top is better. Let your feast table be fabulously festive!

Feast: The feast will be prepared by Master Matsudaira Toshiyori. More details will follow in the next flyer. Address dietary concerns to oshi@triad.rr.com or (336) 760-9136

Merchants: Merchant liaison is Baroness Gwynwilf. You can contact her at (704) 986-6724 or gwynwilf1wolf@yahoo.com

Post-Revel: Drums!! Dancing!! A Hafla is planned, to take place at the hotel site. To partially offset the cost of this space, an entry donation of \$1 will be collected at the door.

Fees: members non-members  
 Adult day trip: members \$7.00, non-members \$10.00;  
 Ages 13-17 day trip: \$7.00; Ages 6-12 day trip: \$3.00;  
 Adult day trip + feast: members \$12.00, non-members \$15.00;  
 Ages 13-17 feast: \$5.00; Ages 6-12 feast: \$3.00;  
 Children ages 0-6 are guests of the canton

Reservations: Hrolf Asbjornsson (Lance Rochelle), 2203 Prestigious Lane, Apt. K, Charlotte, NC 28269, email: seminole@lancerochelle.com  
 Make checks payable to: Charlesbury Crossing/SCA Inc.

Site: St. Anne's Parish Activity Center, 3635 Park Road, Charlotte NC 28217

Hotel: Howard Johnson Woodlawn, at Exit 6A off I-77. (704-527-1620). We have been given a price of \$40 per night, regardless of the number of people you care to "sardine" in the space! This is also the site for the Hafla. Make your reservations early!!

Autocrat: Mistress Jessamyn di Piemonte (Grace Morris), (704) 321-2446 NLT 10pm, email: gmmorris@providenceday.org

Directions:

Take your best route to I-77 in Charlotte. Exit 6A / Woodlawn. From the south, turn right. From the north, exit right, and then turn left over I-77. Turn left on Park Road (Park Road Shopping Center). St. Anne's will be ahead on the right.

Candlemas  
 Canton of Aire Faucon  
 January 25th, 2003

The Canton of Aire Faucon invites One and All to join us on Saturday, January 25, 2003 in celebrating Candlemas. The day shall be filled with games, dancing, and fighting to lift our spirits during these dark days of winter. To supplement our stores of food from the field, Our gracious Baroness, Kisaiya Zingara, has granted us permission to hunt upon her royal lands for all manner of beasts and test our skill against the wild boars that rampage through her forests and eradicate the poachers.

Baron Achbar ibn Ali will host the Hunt for the Boar. So bring your spears and hunting hounds so that we may feast upon their flesh. Hunting teams will be comprised of one or two hounds (thrusting weapons and shield or dagger and buckler) and a huntsman (spear or greatsword). Poachers are limited to archers only!

There shall be a test of skill of arms using rapier throughout the day. The exact format is yet to be determined.

All combatants, and any others who wish to participate, are asked to bring one item for donation to outfit a newcomer for an event (i.e.- clothes, feast gear, candle sticks, belt, pouch, etc). This is not required for participation in the tourneys.

Lady Miriam bat issachar will be the Feast Cook and is reachable at ruth\_cardiff@prenhall.com for dietary concerns. This site is wet.

The cost will be: \$12.00 for Adults on Board, \$5.00 for Adults off Board, \$9.50 for children 6-17 on Board, \$2.50 for children 6-17 off Board; children 5 and under are guests of the Barony.  
 Please remember to add \$3 to the prices above if you are a not a member of the Society.

The autocrat is Lady Elizabeth of Marinus (Rebecca Owens), 4053 Rainbow Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456, (757) 471-4642 or (757) 652-9981, LadyElizabeth@cox.net

Please send reservations to Lady Thyre of Andovere (Keri Hyman) 641 Tyson Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. (757) 456-5701

The celebration will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 509 Rosemont Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Directions:

Take your best route to I-264 East towards the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Take the Rosemont Road exit. The exit ramp will fork, you want to take the right fork making a right hand turn at the light onto Rosemont Road. Follow Rosemont Road 1.5-2 miles and St. Francis will be on the right hand side just after you cross Silina Road.

Performers Revel  
 Barony of Storvik  
 January 25th, 2003

On Saturday, January 25th, the long-hallowed Performers' Revel will take place in its traditional location in the vast halls of Caer Mear. The theme of the event is as it has always been - this is a revel of performers, by performers and for performers, and as such, all who attend must contribute one performance for the delight of your fellows. But Fear Not! "Performance" casts a wide net. There will be singing and dancing and poetry and story-telling and the playing of instruments and jokery and juggling and dramatic presentations and anything else that you can make a case for as a Performance Art! Novice performers are especially welcome! The revel will begin at noon and continue on until our strength runs out. Baron Igor will conduct his annual demonstration of cooking as a performing art.

Cost: Adults: \$12.00 Feast, Children (6-17): \$ 6.00 Feast

Note: All reservations must be made in advance - we cannot take people at the door. The sole cost of the event is the feast.

Site: Performers' Revel will be in its traditional site - the home of Baron Igor and Baroness Fevronia, in Bowie, Maryland.

Site Restrictions: The site is most exceeding wet and the Maryland drinking age is 21. Since small children may find it tedious to sit quietly for performances, parents may wish to make appropriate babysitting arrangements.

Autocrat & Reservations: Fevronia Murometsa (Kathleen Sobansky), 2204 Amber Meadows

A&S: To honor the spirit of the beasts that shall surely lose their lives on this day, there shall be an A&S competition and display illustrating the best depiction or use of the beasts of the hunt for Home and Hearth. The encouraged media for the competition are the flesh, skin, bone, and horn of the beasts and the wood, stone and amber of the earth.

Cost: Adult, Member: \$5.00 Day-Trip, \$5.00 Feast;  
 Adult, Non-Member: \$8.00 Day-Trip, \$5.00 Feast;  
 Child (6-12): \$3.00 Day-Trip, \$3.00 Feast;  
 Children under 6 are guests of the Canton.

Reservations: Lady Keelin O'Duinn (Nicole Cochran), 2704 Lowell Road, Gastonia, NC, 28054, (704) 824-4660, email: sadunnddeal@aol.com

Site: Camp Rotary, 130 Camp Rotary Road, Gastonia, NC 28052. Site Restrictions: The site is owned by the Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council. This site is BONE DRY. Animals MUST be leashed and are not allowed in the building (service animals exempt).

The feast shall be prepared by Lady Brianna O'Duinn and all dietary concerns should be addressed to her at (704) 824-4660 (NLT 9pm) or sadunnddeal@aol.com. The feast will be one remove with the primary dish being the Boar, if the fighters can manage to kill it. Feast space will be limited to 100 persons.

Merchants welcome. Please contact the autocrat.

Autocrat: Lord Gaelan mac Cuinneagain (Jeremiah Edwards), 916 W. Walnut Ave, Gastonia NC, 28052, (704) 865-7289, email: Lordgaelan@aol.com

Directions:

Follow your best route to I-85 near the NC and SC state line. Take Exit 13 (Edgewood Road) and turn EAST (left if coming from the north and right if coming from the south). Follow the signs towards Crowder's Mountain. Proceed to the intersection of US 29-74. Proceed forward through the stoplight. Edgewood Road changes names to Archie Whitesides Drive at the intersection. Follow Archie Whitesides Drive to the first stop sign and turn left on Linwood Road. Travel approximately 1 mile to Camp Rotary Road on the right. Turn right and follow the road to the gate on the right.

Inter-Baronial 12th Night  
 Barony of Marinus  
 January 25th, 2003

The Baronies of Marinus and Tir-y-Don invite one and all to join us in our annual 12th Night celebration! The theme for the day is Pre-Norman invasion Britain.

There will be an open Arts and Science display through the day with Baroness Rosine and Baroness Orianna each giving a Baroness' choice prize.

A live action Goose game will be run during the day for all to participate in. In addition to the Goose games there will be various games available to play during the evening after feast.

*Sunday*

**Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting:** Last Sunday of the month at 6:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church.

**Heavy Weapons and Rapier Fighter Practice** (Ponte Alto/Storvik): Weather permitting outdoors behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church, 2:00-7:00pm.

*Monday*

**Alle Psalite choral music practice:** 7:30-9:00pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew in Herndon, (703) 437-6271, [acarthew@cox.net](mailto:acarthew@cox.net).

**Ponte Alto Ladies' Sewing Circle and Covert OperationsTeam:** On hold until further notice.

*Tuesday*

**Harp and Drum Corps instrumental music practice:** 7:30-9:00pm at the home of Mistress Allasondrea in Annandale, (703) 876-6755.

*Wednesday*

**Archery Practice:** In conjunction with the Barony of Stierbach. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. 4:00 PM until Dark in Manassas. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 5:30pm in Waterford in Chantilly. Contact Baron Nikolai Zhdanov Dolgorukova at [zhdanov@earthlink.net](mailto:zhdanov@earthlink.net) or call (703) 450-5589 for information.

**Heavy Weapons Fighter Practice:** In conjunction with Stierbach. contact Master Kevin of Thornbury for information. (703)810-8438.

*Thursday*

**Open Scriptorium:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm at Shreveewood Elementary School. Contact Lady Celia of Rosedale, (703) 378-2441 for information.

**Rapier Practice:** 6:00pm at Shreveewood Elementary School. Contact Lord Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli, (703) 208-9625, for information.

**Ponte Alto Dance Practice:** Last Thursday of each month, 7:30pm at Shreveewood Elementary School. Contact Lord Thomas Lyon for information.

*Friday*

**SCA Newcomers' Meeting:** 7:30-9:00pm on the 2nd Friday of the month (unless otherwise noted), rotating at the homes of various members of the Barony. For locations, call the Chatelaine, Lady Luce Antony Venus (703) 534-6075.

# Calendar of Events

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4 <b>Yule Revel</b> Storvik	5 Fighter/Rapier Practice
6 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm PALSC&COT - Hold	7 Harp and Drum - 7:30pm	8 Archery Practice - 5:30pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	9 Rapier Practice - 6pm Scriptorium - 7:30pm	10	11 <b>Kingdom</b> <b>12th Night</b> Charlesbury Crossing	12 Fighter/Rapier Practice
13 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	14 Harp and Drum - 7:30pm	15 Archery Practice - 4pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	16 Rapier Practice - Hold	17 Newcomers Meeting - 7:30pm	18	19 Fighter/Rapier Practice
20 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm PALSC&COT - Hold	21 Harp and Drum - 7:30pm	22 Archery Practice - 5:30pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	23 Rapier Practice - 6pm Scriptorium - 7:30pm	24	25 <b>Performers Revel</b> Storvik	26 Fighter/Rapier Practice Baronial Bus. Mtg.
27 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	28 Harp and Drum - 7:30pm	29 Archery Practice - ? Fighter Practice - 7pm	30 Rapier Practice - 6pm Dance Practice-7:30pm	31	1 <b>University</b> Isenfir	2 Fighter/Rapier Practice
3 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm PALSC&COT - Hold	4 Harp and Drum - 7:30pm	5 Archery Practice - 4pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	6 Rapier Practice - 6pm	7	8 <b>Tourney of Ymir</b> Windmasters Hill	9 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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